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The Geneva based United Nations Human Rights Committee Condemns Ireland's Constitutional protection of unborn children

UN Committee Attacks Protection for Unborn

The Second Look Project was disappointed but unsurprised by the bizarre report from the UN Human Rights Committee on Ireland (24th July). Unfortunately the Committee's so-called findings on Ireland's abortion laws are legally unsupported. They are also in direct conflict with Article 6 Section 1 of the UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. This and other UN documents clearly affirm the right to life including that of the unborn. Over the years, committees like this have tried to ignore or undermine that right.

The Committee wants Ireland to change its Constitution and laws to extend abortion on a range of easily extendible grounds. As a self described champion of human rights in this area, one has yet to see this Committee take on the brutal compulsory abortion laws in China and other places. Ireland is a softer target and, with the present Government, not an unwilling one.

Apologetic Attitude of Ireland's Representatives

What was really humiliating for any pro-life Irish person attending this Committee was the grovelling apologetic attitude of the Minister and others representing Ireland. The Irish team seemed to agree with the spurious claims made, apologised that the Irish People had put those laws there by referenda -- but **they** were doing their best you know. It was a nauseating exhibition of Irish subservience to international bodies.

When one Irish NGO stated that the unborn had a right to life, this caused the majority to titter and Committee Chairman, Sir Nigel Rodley, called this idea "unspeakably arrogant".

In contrast to the UN Committee's remarks, Ireland should be proud of being one of the safest countries in the world for pregnant women and babies and, we should not be troubled by the UN Committee's opinions being misleadingly extolled by predictable sections of the media and pro-abortion groups.

UN Committee's Report Invalid but Useful Propaganda for Abortion Lobby

Thankfully the UN Committee cannot enforce its proposals' on this issue. It is disgraceful that Ireland's protection for unborn life is being criticised by this UN Committee. The Committee should be immediately asked to apologise to the Irish People. If no apology is given for attempting to undermine the Irish Constitution, its Report should be completely ignored.

Note: The Second Look Project is a registered charity and NGO dedicated to study and public education on all life issues including the need to protect unborn children and their mothers. The *Second Look* means looking past headlines and popular opinion to verify the facts,

